and general demonstrations are being organised on the farmers' fields to disseminate the improved production and protection technologies.

Fund to Orissa for Cyclone Relief

1254. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount given by Government to Orissa on different heads to different departments till today for super cyclone restoration and rehabilitation work; and

(b) what were the specific recommendations of the "Task force" constituted by Government of India to supervise and monitor the Super Cyclone restoration and rehabilitation work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 42.50 crore for the year 1999-2000 was released to the State. In addition, Rs. 30.70 crore was released to the State Government as two quarterly instalments, of Central share of CRF for the year 2000-01. In addition to those, Rs,. 828.15 crore was released from National Fund for Calamity Relief to the State during 1999-2000 in the wake of floods and two cyclones.

(b) The recommendations of High Powered Task Force are indicated below:

(i) All houses to be rebuilt should be cyclone proof with assistance from HUDCO, and the Department of Rural Development (Indira Awas Yojna).

(ii) Construction of a National Coastal Highway along the coast line.

(iii) Generation of forest belt along the coastal line by undertaking a massive afforestation programme.

(iv) Strengthening of the early warning infrastructure.

(v) Restoration of irrigation system.

(vi) Long term schemes for drinking water supply in the rural areas.

(vii) Strengthening of Public Distribution System.

(viii) Redesigning of Employment Programmes.

(ix) Setting up of an Orissa Cyclone Reconstruction Authority by the Central Government.

Prevailing Drought Situation in States

1255. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official team visited Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh to study the prevailing drought conditions in these States;

(b) if so, the details of financial relief and foodgrains granted to these States, State-wise/district-wise;

(c) the details of districts of these States affected by the drought conditions; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Out of these States, the official teams visited Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh in connection with drought situation.

(b) Release of assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of drought, release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and foodgrains allotted is indicated below:

(Rs. In crore)

Name of State	C.R.F.		N.F.C.R.
	1999-2000	2000-01	1999-2000
Rajasthan	155.25	168.18	102.93
Maharashtra	59.14	-	
Madhya Pradesh	44.29	31.98	38.86*
Andhra Pradesh	107.69	77.78	75.36
Orissa	42.50	30.70	
Uttar Pradesh	108.50	39.18	

*for drought and floods